

Central Intelligence Agency



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The Honorable Slade Gorton
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Gorton:

This letter responds to your inquiry of 18 December on behalf of [redacted] who is concerned about news media reports alleging the Central Intelligence Agency is channeling funds illegally through American citizens and American corporations, to aid the Contras in Nicaragua.

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Please assure [redacted] that the Agency is prohibited from engaging in any such activity by virtue of the Continuing Resolution passed by the U.S. Congress, Public Law 98-478, Section 8066. (a), which states that "During fiscal year 1985, no funds available to the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, or any other agency or entity of the United States involved in intelligence activities may be obligated or expended for the purpose or which would have the effect of supporting, directly or indirectly, military or paramilitary operations in Nicaragua by any nation, group, organization, movement, or individual." (Emphasis added.)

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Should [redacted] wish to pursue this matter further, may I suggest that she contact either the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence or the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence which are the committees set up by the U.S. Congress to oversee all of the activities of this Agency.

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Best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Briggs
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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